Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Vide statement appended. (*Appendix III.*)

Scheme for the diversion of the Manali and Kurumali rivers.

22. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how far the scheme for the diversion of the waters of the Manali and the Kurumali rivers has progressed and what are the reports of the Special Irrigation Officer and the Chief Engineer about this and what are the reasons for not taking up the work last year;

(b) has the Diwan received any petition, dated 7th Mithunam 1104, from the inhabitants of Irinjalakkuda and neighbouring villages pointing out the necessity of a canal by the side of the Irinjalakkuda market; and if so, what is it and what action is taken on the same?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.— (a) Estimates for the diversion of the Manali river at Marathakara and the Karuvannur river at Palakkadavu were prepared before the abnormal floods of 1104. After the floods, it was found advisable to revise them. Also it is proposed to take up these works after watching the effect of the diversion from the Muriyad lake which will be useful for navigation also.

(b) Yes. It is for a canal by the side of the Irinjalakkuda market connecting the Muriyad lake with Kakkathuruthi. An estimate for the same has been prepared. The matter is being considered by the Government.

Joint Stock Companies.

23. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. (a) the total number of Joint Stock Companies in the State;

(b) the number of Registrars of Joint Stock Companies in the State;

2. (a) whether the Cochin Tanneries Ltd, have filed with the Registrar the balance sheet and the report of the general meeting of the last two years; if not, when was the last general meeting held;

(b) whether any action was taken against the Directors for default; if so, what action?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—1. (a) 160 at the close of 1104.

(b) One Registrar and seven Assistant Registrars including that of Cranganur.

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2. (a) No. The last general meeting was held on 12th Edavam 1104.

(b) Failure to file the returns in time was taken to the notice of the District Magistrate, and the matter is under correspondence.

Tenders for the collection of timber in the Tramway area.

24. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the names of tenderers who submitted tenders in 1104 for the collection of timber in the Tramway area with their rates;

(2) names of those whose tenders were accepted;

(3) were there conditional offers in any of these tenders;

(4) if so, what were the conditions?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.— (1) A statement giving the information required is placed on the Table. (*Vide Appendix IV.*)

(2) Mr. C. P. Luiz' tender was accepted.

(3) No.

(4) No reply is necessary in view of the answer to (3) above.

Maintenance of the Villichira.

25. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) when was the construction of the Villichira in the Parappukara village auctioned in 1104; who was the bidder and what was the amount;

(2) (a) when was the chira auctioned in 1105; who is the contractor and what is the amount;

(b) whether the Government received any petition reducing the amount auctioned; if so, who were the petitioners and what action was taken, the name of the officer who conducted the auction on both the occasions?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.— (1) On Karkadagam 10, 1103. It is presumed that 'maintenance' is meant. K. Sankaran Nayar. Rs. 67.

(2) (a) On July 29, 1929. K. Sankaran Nayar, Rs. 175.

(b) The Chief Engineer received a petition from one Krishnan Kartha. The petition was enquired into. It was then found that the petitioner's *Anantharavan* was present at the original auction and that he did not care to bid though he was requested to do so.

Mr. N. Rajagopalachari, Assistant Engineer, conducted the auction in 1104 and Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar, Assistant Engineer, in 1105.

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